

*Application No. 09/597,069
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Remarks/Arguments

The Examiner stated that claims 39, 43-51, 63-71, and 73 would be allowable if re-written to not depend from rejected claims. Those claims have been re-written and are believed to be allowable. The Examiner's careful attention to and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 74-83 have been allowed by the Examiner.

The remaining claims (1-38, 40-42, 52-62, 72) have been canceled.

The pending claims (39, 43-51, 63-71, 73, 74-83) are believed to present patentable subject matter. Allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephonic conference would be useful in furthering the present application toward allowance, the undersigned attorney would welcome such a call.

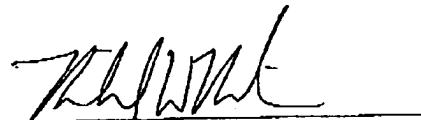
In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

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